

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**IN SUPREME COURT**  
**ADM10-8008**



**IN RE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
RULES 2 AND 7, MINN. RULES FOR  
ADMISSION TO THE BAR**

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**COMMENTS OF THE MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

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In response to the Court's Order dated July 19, 2018, the Minnesota State Bar Association respectfully submits the following comments regarding the Board of Law Examiners' proposed amendments to Rules 2 and 7, Minn. R. Adm. Bar.

The MSBA recognizes that the Board of Law Examiners has the important function, subject to the Court's guidance and direction, of ensuring that applicants for admission to the bar of this Court are learned in the law and of good character and fitness.

The MSBA believes that the proposed rule amendments together with the revised policy statement, make the requirements for admission without examination based on prior practice more reflective of the realities of modern law practice and we urge their adoption. Moreover, the MSBA commends the Board of Law Examiners for the open process it adopted for responding to the Court's invitation to reexamine its requirements for admission without examination. The Board gave thorough consideration to the issues raised by the Court and by public

comments submitted in response to the Board's Public Notice dated September 12, 2107. As we have stated on other occasions, we believe that an open process increases the confidence of applicants, the public and the bar that the Board has fully considered relevant factors in developing its rules and policy statements. We look forward to working with the Board using a similar process in the future when possible rules amendments and significant policy changes arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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